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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 14, 2016  
Olin 304**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM.

Members Present: Mike Egan (Chair), Gillian Lederman, Kelvin Mason, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Lisa Seidlitz, Lendol Calder, Mamata Marmé, Rachel Weiss, Amanda Wilmsmeyer.

Members Absent: Rob Elfline, Ian Harrington, Chris Strunk, Vanessa Beck (SGA), Luke Stoefen (SGA) – Asia Term.

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

**I. Minutes**

Motion-Mamata Marmé moved “**to approve the minutes of the September 7th meeting as submitted.**” Amanda Wilmsmeyer seconded.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the MINUTES of the SEPTEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting as Submitted PASSES.**

Ann Miller will file the approved minutes with Mary Koski in Academic Affairs.

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Consent Agenda**

No course proposals were approved by consent.

**2. Course Approvals**

**a. PS - PSYC 326 – (Corts)**

The Committee agreed that the PSYC 326 course deserves the PS learning perspective. Some suggestions were made about how the syllabus might be updated. The Chair will pass those suggestions on to the instructor. Motion to approve the PS perspective for PSYC 326: Egan; seconded.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the PS perspective for PSYC 326 PASSES.**

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Update on PHYS 305 PH proposal.**

**a.** After reviewing input from the Gen. Ed. Committee, Josh Dyer has resubmitted the PH proposal for PHYS 305. This item will be added to the 9-21-16 agenda for reconsideration.

#### **IV. Faculty Survey Data**

\*At the request of the Chair, the committee broke from the meeting for 15 minutes to read the printed results of the Augie Gen Ed Transition Faculty Survey. Members reconvened after 15 minutes to discuss the survey results.

\*Three of the standout themes were the importance of the Christian Traditions courses in maintaining Augustana's heritage, concerns about the Gen Ed "footprint," and the continued emphasis on the 1<sup>st</sup> Year writing experience.

\*Feedback will be used to help shape Gen Ed for the future when semesters are implemented.

#### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **a. From Academic Affairs**

\*Jeff Ratliff-Crain encouraged committee members to attend this week's Friday Conversation dealing with Intercultural Competence.

\*Jeff Ratliff-Crain reminded committee members to continue to promote Symposium Day which will commence on Tuesday, September 20, 2016.

##### **b. From The Chair**

\* Mike Egan encouraged the committee members to brainstorm ideas to help build a draft of a new Gen Ed framework. Ideas may be added to the Spitball folder in Drive. Submissions will be discussed at the 9-21-16 meeting.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Miller